

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 15 and 17-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1, 3-4, 15 and 21 are amended, claim 8 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments or the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter); (3) place the application in better form for appeal (if necessary). Entry is thus requested.

Applicant sincerely acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 8-9, 15 and 17-22 define patentable subject matter. However, for at least the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims define patentable subject matter.

A. The Office Action objects to the specification for adding new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that "(e.g., read only)" added to paragraph 26 is not new matter but is supported by the specification and figures as originally filed. Further, it is inherent that a read signal can be a read only signal. In addition, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that various implementations of the task signal can be employed, and as such, the disclosed write

signal can encompass the objected to material. However, in order to expedite prosecution the objected to material has been deleted. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

B. The Office Action objects to claims 3 and 15 for informalities. Applicant respectfully submits the above amendments obviate the grounds for the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 3 and 15 is respectfully requested.

C. The Office Action rejects claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and figures as originally filed clearly describe the subject matter of claim 21. Further, it is inherent that control of a corresponding application program would encompass restarting the application, terminating the application, modifying a designated region and performing the same either automatically or based upon independent or prompted user actions. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that such "control" would be known by one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. However, in order to expedite prosecution, claim 21 is amended to more broadly claim features of the present invention. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 under §112 is respectfully requested.

D. The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,728,907 to Wang et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Applicant respectfully submits that subject matter indicated to be allowable has been incorporated into claim 1. For at least that reason, Applicant respectfully submits claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 3-7 depend from claim 1 and therefore also define patentable subject matter for at least that reason as well as their additionally recited features. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3-7 under §102 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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